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THE EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.

Points and Paragraphs of Things Present, Past and Future.

It is said that the wholesale betting which always accompanies a Presidential election, is quite light this year. Is it because the election gamblers are afraid of losing their money because the chances seem to be too strong for Mr. Bryan, or because the morals of the country are improving? Let us hope that it is both.

The New York Herald recently published a statement that Spain will abandon the struggle with Cuba if the rebellion is not put down by next March.

Spain has already lost 200,000 of her best troops in the struggle and the insurgents seem to be as determined as ever. It has for quite a while been thought only a matter of time when Spain would be compelled to relax her grip on Cuba by reason of sheer exhaustion; and whether the reports are true or not as to the time of ending the struggle, if the Cubans hold out it will come sooner or later.

At the Health Conference in Charlotte two weeks ago, there were some very interesting facts brought out about fever in milk.

One case was cited where the cow had been kept in a lot where there were all kinds of filth and garbage which the cow had access to. The other was where a cow was put in a dirty pasture through which ran water from a sewer, which water the cow drank month after month; and those who drank milk from these cows had typhoid fever.

THE COMMONWEALTH has more than once called attention to the fact that there is great danger in drinking impure milk.

Dairymen ought to be very careful to keep all food for the cows pure and the milk clean.

Things that are at first regarded as a "joke" often take a serious turn at which all concerned are rejoiced.

Not long ago much was said and printed about big and high hats in theatres, but when the agitation first started few, if any, supposed it would effect any relief for those who had to sit behind the tall and broad head gear of the fair listeners in front. But now it develops that the crusade is bearing fruit, and it is given out that fifty per cent. of the women who go into theatres in New York remove their hats. Those who are pushing the crusade expect to see the day right soon when women who want to be respected will not keep their hats on at the theatres. This may move into other places of public gatherings.

In 1868 Virginia Penny of Boston published "Think and Act," a book containing a series of articles on the work and wages of men and women.

The author took the ground that in America woman's sphere of labor was too circumscribed, and that she was capable of much work which sentiment and other weaknesses denied her. Sharp contrast was drawn between the possibilities of women, by reason of education, in the United States and France, where all vocations are open alike to men and women.

It has been more than a quarter of a century since the book we refer to was published, and many changes have been wrought in our educational and industrial systems.

Formerly it was exceedingly difficult for women to get into the great universities; but now they are pushing into them, and soon they will be admitted as freely as the male sex. Twenty-six American women have entered Berlin University, Cambridge and Oxford, in England, have not yet removed the restriction against women entering those institutions, but it is thought they soon will do so.

There are strong and influential institutions in the United States that are willing to admit women to full and thorough courses with men; and this fact broadens the field for woman's work that the author of "Think and Act" did not see nearly thirty years ago.

A LETTER FROM JAPAN.

MANY CURIOUS CUSTOMS.

The Japs Work Backwards.

IX.

There are lots of queer things in Japan. The Japanese customs are just the reverse of ours. They hitch their horses in the stalls by their tails instead of their heads; their locks are on the jamb instead of the door. The newsboys don't cry "papers," but have bells on their girdles to attract the people's attention. When they address a letter, they put the country first, the State or province next, then the city, street, number and the name last of all, which when you come to think of it, is a very sensible thing. A Japanese carpenter has the blade of his plane fastened edge upwards in the top of his bench and shoves the board or plank across it. He pulls his saw towards him instead of shoving it from him.

The women, when sewing, keep the point of the needle from them all the time, the eye of the needle being on the point and the thread is not cut from the spool until the seam is finished.

They use paper thimbles oiled and waxed, instead of metal ones. When you buy a few yards of cloth from a merchant, he always unrolls the whole piece and cuts it off of the inside end in order that you may not take the part that is faded or shop-worn. A tailor makes the lining of a garment first and cuts out the cloth from it as a pattern.

A Japanese book begins at the last page and reads from right to left and the lines run up and down the paper.

At nearly every house you will see a fountain and a large basin of water with gold fish in them. They build the roof of their houses first upon the ground, it is then raised and the walls are placed under it. The walls are usually of a braided bamboo, plastered inside and out and are covered with clap-boards or a heavy coating of stucco. Wooden houses are seldom painted but the natural color of the wood is allowed to ripen. The stucco houses are always painted black and the surface is polished so that it shines like a new shoe.

Articles upon the bill of fare in the hotels and restaurants are numbered and you order by number instead of name. This is a great advantage to people who do not understand their language or know how to pronounce it. The police and railway officials carry paper lanterns properly marked with their names and number printed on them.

There are no eating houses along the railway lines, but tea is served out at every station with neat little wooden boxes filled with rice and other dishes with a pair of chop sticks slipped through a card by which they are fastened. The tea is very cheap, only two cash a cupful, that is about 2-10 of one our cents.

Every Japanese is required to report at the police headquarters whenever he changes his residence or his employer or occupation. The police is to know the whereabouts of every person in the empire. All the arrivals and departures at hotels and tea-houses are to be reported to the police. No stranger or native is allowed to travel through the country unless he has a pass-port. Messengers and newsboys always run at the top of their speed when on duty. You can get a hot or cold bath for five cents and laundry work is only fifteen cents a dozen. The little children at the large kindergarten and primary schools wear brass tags, upon which their names and numbers, and street of their residence are inscribed.

It is considered by Japanese tradesmen a great advantage to them in seeking the patronage of tourists and curiosities to have an American or English name. I will give you a few which are in large print on a piece of plain hanging over their door as a sign:

"Whiskey Boy," who is the leading jeweler of Yokohama; "George Washington," who is one of the best photographers in the country; "Handy Andy,"—he is a barber. These are very rich men and they live on Main street in the city of Yokohama. In going along this street one sees familiar signs like "The Dew Drop Inn," "Sailors' Snug Harbor," "The Last Chance," and "Happy Hollow," hanging over the entrance to Japanese places of business.

There was a Japanese liquor dealer once who applied for a sign to hang over the door of his place and this is what the American (whom he asked) gave him for his sign: "Sin and Sorrow Sold Here."

Some of their advertisements are amusing. A tailor announces, "Stylish Suits at a Very Moderate Price." Another informs the public of "Special Attention given to Clerical and Sporting Suits." All who have American names are well off and are more respected by all the natives. Japan is a beautiful country. C. T. CURRIE.

THE VISION.

Yes, perchance it was but a fancy, Or it may have been a dream; But it taught a life-long lesson— And I ne'er forget the theme. 'Twas just when the shades of evening Had vanquished the setting sun; I sat alone in the gloaming, When work for the day was done.

I was worn, and sad, and weary, And unto myself I said: "Life for me has been so dreary, Would, ah would that I were dead! Surely life is not worth living, There is naught but sorry here, Clouds without the 'silver lining' Gather round me everywhere.

"How can life be worth the living Bow'd beneath a load of care? I have darkest shadows always 'O'er my pathway—hear my prayer— Give me sunshine, sunshine ever, Give me all that I desire, Give me rest, with flowers to cheer me, Then of life I shall not tire."

Gathering round me in the gloaming, Came a band of spirits fair; And their voices sweet and mellow, Fell like music on the air: "Mortal, cease this vain repining, All is ordered well for thee; In the darkest hour remember As thy days thy strength shall be.

Thou wouldst have the sunshine always, Sunshine all amixed with showers; Foolish one! hast thou forgotten Rain must fall to bring the flowers? Thou wouldst have the sunshine always, Not a cloud must cross thy sky? Then the flowers, the birds, nay, all things, For thy selfishness must die.

If God gave thee all thou asked for, That of life thou didst not tire; Thou wouldst find that He had cursed thee, Cursed thee with thy heart's desire, Learn contentment, peace will follow, Then the sun will shine for thee; Think of self no more, 'tis promised, 'As thy days thy strength shall be.'

Selfish mortal, thank thy maker That for thee it is allowed, Sunshine now and then to mingle With the dark and sombre cloud. Henceforth cease thy vain repining, With contentment cometh rest, Learn that God in dealing with thee, Knoweth what for thee is best.

That was all—the vision left me, But within my weary breast, Peace her silver wings had folded There to dwell in perfect rest. From my heart the load had fallen, All the earth seemed bright and fair; From that hour I've found a blessing In each burden that I bear.

I have learned to thank "Our Father" That for me it is allowed, Sunshine now and then to mingle With the dark and sombre cloud; Never more my heart grows troubled, Ne'er by care am I oppressed, For I know in dealing with me, God knows what for me is best. —A. E. Robinson.

What We Seldom See.

Selected.

A young man of 21, who doesn't think he is able to give his elders a good deal of information about things in general.

A doctor who will tell his patients the truth when there is nothing the matter with them.

A politician who likes to define his views until he knows what will be most popular.

A carpet in a ladies room that has not got a threadbare place in front of the mirror.

A boy that doesn't brag about what he is going to do when he is a man.

A man that doesn't brag about what he used to do when he was a boy.

A man guilty of a mean trick who doesn't try to make himself believe he had an excellent excuse for doing it.

A single woman who ever gets past 30.

ANOTHER SMART WOMAN.

My husband is poor but proud and he does not want me to work; as I have nothing to do I get restless, and after reading in your paper Mrs. Russell's experience selling self-heating flatirons I concluded I would try it. I wrote to J. F. Casey & Co., St. Louis, Mo., and they treated me so nicely that I felt very much encouraged. As soon as I got my sample iron I started out and sold 8 irons the first day, clearing \$12. I have not sold less than eight any day since, and one day I sold 17. I now have \$225 clear money, and my husband does not know I have been working, but I am afraid he will be mad when I tell him. Have I done right or should I quit work and leave him to struggle alone?

AN ANXIOUS WIFE.

You are doing just right, your husband should be proud of you, go right ahead and show the world what an energetic woman you are. That self-heating iron must be a wonderful seller, as we hear of so many that are succeeding selling it.

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Father was sick and the mortgage on the farm was coming due, I saw in the Christian Advocate where Miss A. M. Fritz of Station A., St. Louis, Mo., would send a sample combination dipper for 18 two-cent stamps, and I ordered one. I saw the dipper could be used as a fruit jar filler; a plain dipper; a fine strainer; a funnel; a strainer funnel; a sick room warming pan and a pint measure. These eight different uses make the dipper such a necessary article that I went to work with it and it sells at very near every house. And in four months I paid off the mortgage I think I can clear as much as \$200 a month. If you need work you can do well by giving this a trial. Miss A. M. Fritz, Station A., St. Louis, Mo., will send you a sample for 18 2-cent stamps. Write at once. JOHN G. N.

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NOTICE.

In pursuance of an order of Court made in the special proceedings entitled Amos Cherry vs Levy Cherry and others, now pending in the Superior Court of Halifax county, I will on the 21st day of November, 1896, sell to the highest bidder in the town of Scotland Neck, that store house and lot in which Albert Hill is now doing business, being lot No. 12 on Block 46 according to the plot of said town. Said sale is made for the purpose of partition among the devisees of the will of the late Wiley Cherry.

This 19th day of Oct., 1896.

CLAUDE KITCHIN, Commissioner.

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Judicial Sale.

By virtue of the power contained in a decree of the Superior Court of Halifax County, N. C., rendered at March term 1896 of said court in the action entitled Minerva Pittman against John T. House and his wife, Francis A. House, I shall sell at the court house door in Halifax, for cash, on Monday the 23rd day of November, 1896, the real estate described in the complaint filed in said action, situated in said county of Halifax and described, as follows, to wit: One tract of land lying in and around Palmyra, bounded by the lands of William E. Cherry and others, containing one hundred and seventeen acres, more or less; and another tract of land lying on the Palmyra and Tarboro road, containing two hundred and forty six acres, more or less, situated in said county.

Both said tracts of land are now fully described in said complaint, and in the mortgage from said J. T. House and his wife, Francis A. House to N. J. Pittman, recorded in the office of the register of deeds for Halifax county, N. C., in book 76 A, page 92, to which reference is made for a particular description of said realty. This Oct. 9, 1896. HENRY JOHNSTON, 10 15 6c. Commissioner.

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